

# VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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2023

Visalia Sportsmen's Association is a non-profit organization which is governed by the regulations set forth in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The section of the code which we fall under states that we are to be exclusively a social club, organized and operated for the pleasure and recreation of our members. The specific purposes of the club are: 1) to unite in the effort of solving local, county and- statewide problems pertaining to the protection and propagation of fish and game and other natural resources in our area; 2) the conservation of our natural resources through the promotion and fostering of good public sentiment for better fish, game and forest management; 3) The encouragement of organized shooting activities among adult and junior members and the general public, so as to provide a better knowledge of safe handling and the proper use and care of firearms; and, 4) to take lawful steps to bring into effect those measures deemed to be in the interest of member sportsmen.

The next **GENERAL MEETING** will be **THURSDAY, May 11, 2023, at 6:30 PM.** Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month and are open to all club members. We encourage all members to attend the meetings to become more informed and more active in the club activities. Members are invited to bring a guest to introduce to the *Visalia Sportsmen's Association*. The club is located just north of downtown Visalia at 536 E. Roosevelt Avenue, one block south of Houston Ave., just east off of Sante Fe.

The next **BOARD MEETING** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:00 PM.** To present an item for discussion at a board meeting please contact a board member to be on the agenda. Board meetings are held on the Tuesday following the general club meeting.

## The general club meetings start at 6:30 pm.

Please contact any of the officers or board members for any issues or concerns you may have regarding your Visalia Sportsmen's Association.

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**VSA GUN DINNER!! WOW! Fun! Exciting! Great food! Guns galore! April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, won't be known as "tax day" any more.** For those in attendance, the memories and stories of this year's dinner will be told all year long! Funds raised are earmarked for future club improvements and program support. More info as it comes in.

**VSA YARD SALE – Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled for) Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at the VSA club house. 8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM, 536 E ROOSEVELT AVE, VISALIA, All items of a sporting nature (HUNTING, FISHING, BOATING, CAMPING, SPORTS, OFF ROAD, EQUESTRIAN) Call Linda for your table reservation at 559-308-6906. Great food provided by "Yo Mommas!" food truck.**

If you have a few items you would like to sell or trade, bring 'em on over, carry them in. No table required. Don't have time to get to the "yard sale"? Donate them to the club and we will handle the details. Call Jim Mayfield at 559-802-7967 to make arrangements to drop off your items before the sale day.

**Scouts:** At the Live Oak District recognition dinner held March 31<sup>st</sup>, scouts and volunteers were noted for their accomplishments. Visalia Sportsmen's sponsors three scout units: Cub Pack 1893, and Scout Troops 1893 B, and G. (1893 Boys, 1893 Girls.) Of these three units, fifteen individual awards were awarded to participants. The Cub pack and both Scout troops earned the 2022 GOLD Journey to Excellence Units.

Three individuals were recognized for achieving **Eagle Scout** rank in 2022! Emily Cortes, Troop 1893 G, is the first female Eagle Scout in the district! Brennan Parr and Cameron Parr (brothers), Troop 1893 B, also achieved the **Eagle Scout** rank.

## MAY 2023

Club Phone: 559-635-7172

## JUNE 2023

Range Phone: 559-651-1415

3 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Ken Rahn/?	3 Sat Public Shoot	Aric, James, Mark Price
6 Sat Public Shoot	G Richert/M Garcia/G Willett	4 Sun Public Shoot	?
7 Sun Public Shoot	?	7 Wed Public Shoot	?
7 Sun 4-H	3 pm to dusk	10 Sat Public Shoot	?
10 Wed Public Shoot	?	11 Sun <b>Women's day at the range – All day.</b>	
13 Sat Public Shoot	G Willett/Ilah Brock/Mike Renzi	14 Wed Public Shoot	?
14 Sun <b>Women's day at the range – All day.</b>		15 Thu CBRSA Set up and practice shoot	
17 Wed Public Shoot	?	16 Fri CBRSA Set up and practice shoot	
18 Thur CBRSA Set up and practice shoot		17 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>	
19 Fri CBRSA Set up and practice shoot		18 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>	
20 Sat <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>		21 Wed Public Shoot	?
21 Sun <b>CBRSA Benchrest Competition</b>		24 Sat Public Shoot	?
24 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/L Miller/?	25 Sun <b>Black Powder</b>	
27 Sat Public Shoot	L Cote/D Lehman/J Dearborn	28 Wed Public Shoot	K Rahn/L Miller/?
28 Sun <b>Black Powder</b>			
31 Wed Public Shoot	Lee Miller/Ken Rahn/?		
For more information about becoming an RSO, please call		Russ at 559-280-4061. Women & men needed!	

**The range is open from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Public Shoot days.**

Please contact the following for more info on the programs that are offered at the range: **Black Powder** – Leroy Chism 559-734-7500;

**Jr. Rifle Club** – California legislation removed this program throughout the entire state. **Benchrest** – Rick Shaw 559-740-8026.

**Women's Shoot** – Michelle Amaral 559-759-9501

**VSA Fishing Trip** – The **July 15<sup>th</sup>** fishing trip will be out of Morro Bay (not Santa Barbara as originally planned). Apparently, there has been a noticeable shift in the fish going north. Save time and miles by traveling to Morro Bay! There might be one or two places available for you and a friend. \$160 per person, includes fish cleaning. In addition, he is pouring 12 oz. and 16 oz. weights for saltwater fishing and swim bait jigs. Send Gary a text at 559-799-6435.

**For Trade:** Primers! Club member Fred is looking to trade 1000 large pistol primers (Win or CCI) for 1000 small pistol primers. Fred says “thanks”! He can be reached at (559) 799-7950.

**For Sale:** Ammo!! 7.62 x 39 124 gr. Russian Military HP, \$400/M. Contact Jerry at 559-730-1446. Jerry also has .30-06 ball ammo, in bandoliers and cans, perfect for your M1!

**For Sale:** BROWNING 1885 BPCR in 40-65, Black Powder Rifle Cartridge single shot rifle with a half round, half octagon 30” barrel, with high precision Soule-type tang sight (a worldwide choice of target shooters and hunters). With accessories: Browning form fit hard case, accessory hard case(s), Meade ETX-90 spotting scope with adjustable tripod; additional Meade Series 4000 Super Plossl Eyepiece, stand-up tray with adjustable tripod, cork shot spotter targets (uses push pins to mark your shots). Original Browning factory box and manual. Photos available. Call Randall at 661-733-1554 for more information.

**Fishing with Marty** – Marty is gearing up for the **August 5<sup>th</sup>** fishing trip. Two boats have been chartered; the well-known Stardust and Coral Sea. Sailing out of Santa Barbara Landing (Santa Barbara). Right now, both boats are sold out! Drawing tickets are still available for a chance to win a \$500 gift card to Smokin' Barrel, or \$500 smackers! Call Marty to get your drawing tickets. 559-331-2098. (Drawing funds are applied to the costs of the charter.)

**Tulare-Kings Gun Owners - CRPA Chapter:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30 pm, at Rankin Field. Pre-registering for the meeting is greatly appreciated. You don't have to be a CRPA member to attend. Online: <https://crpatularekings.wordpress.com/> Facebook & Instagram: @tularekingsgunowners.

Register online before you come and you'll earn a free ticket to the merchandise & gear drawing! You must attend in order to claim and win. May 30<sup>th</sup> is the night we plan to hold our big TWO-GUN drawing! Tickets are still available. (It will be announced if the drawing is postponed.)

More information on the next meeting can be found on Facebook and Instagram. The June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the VSA clubhouse. Matt Johnson, chair, can be reached at 559-571-2239.

**CLUB SPONSORED CCW CLASS at the VSA clubhouse!!** The CCW class is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, **MAY 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 5pm to 9pm. Next month's class is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

As part of your VSA membership, the once-a-month CCW classes **at the clubhouse** are FREE! You do not have to call first, just have proof of your VSA membership in good standing (yellow receipt or membership card). Membership applications, renewals, or membership payments will not be accepted at the class.

Wade Roberts will normally hold the CCW class at the clubhouse the first Monday AND Tuesday of each month, 5PM to 9PM. Non-members incur a fee of \$80 for an initial permit class (8 hours) and \$40 for a renewal class (4 hours). Renewal classes can be attended on either Monday or Tuesday, and initial CCW application classes can be attended across months – Monday one month, and Tuesday the next month, for example.

Everyone attending the class will also have to qualify with their permit pistols by shooting at the range. Non-members will incur a range use fee of \$20, while members have range privileges already. You must qualify with each pistol on your permit. If you cannot qualify on the designated day, non-members pay a \$20 range fee and a \$20 qualification fee, while VSA members pay a \$10 qualification fee.

The CCW Instruction and Qualification certificates are good for six months for initial application or renewal, so you can plan ahead and have plenty of time. Don't wait, get your CCW or renew it! Please call/text Wade at (559) 303-2848, for more info. Additional classes each month will help meet the demand.

**CCW Classes** at the VSA club house: Albert Chan, CCW Instructor, will be planning additional CCW classes at the club. Future dates will be announced as they are set. Albert can be reached at 559-972-6537. See his business card, page 4. Recent CCW classes at the club have had up to 70 attendees!

**Ladder safety tips from Grainger.com** – (edited for space and content, not comprehensive) Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicate that 43% of fatal falls in the last decade involved a ladder, and an estimated 81% of construction workers' fall injuries treated in U.S. emergency departments involve a ladder, according to Industrial Safety and Hygiene News ([ISHN](#)).

\* **Download a ladder safety app.** The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has [a ladder safety app for mobile devices](#) that features a multimodal indicator and a graphic-oriented guide for ladder selection, inspection, positioning, accessorizing and safety use.

\* **Create a ladder safety checklist to review before each use.**

\* **Conduct regular inspections to ensure ladders are in good condition.** Problems like bent and broken steps can be hazardous. OSHA mandates that ladders be inspected for visible defects before their first use in a work shift.

\* **Teach proper ladder-climbing skills.** Use the American Ladder Institute (ALI) [three-point-of-contact climb](#) to reduce slips and falls. The ALI recommends that the climber face the ladder when going both up and down. The climber should have three points of contact with the ladder at all times—either two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand.

\* **Teach the Four-to-One rule.** What is the correct angle for a ladder? The four-to-one rule can help you get the angle right. According to the [California Department of Industrial Relations](#), a ladder should be positioned one foot out for every four feet up. For example, if a ladder is leaning against the top of a 20-foot wall, the base should be five feet away from the wall.





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\*Stay Within Your Reach. When working from a ladder, keep your center of gravity and body between the side rails. If you can't easily reach the project area once you have ascended the ladder, climb down and move the ladder more closely in alignment.

\*Take Your Time Climbing Down—Don't Skip Any Steps.






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Appointment Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

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